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SUBJ: US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT: ATMOSPHERICS

1. OUR IMPRESSION, STILL PRELIMINARY, IS THAT LOPATIN'S ASSUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND ELECTRIFICATION (MPE) BODES WELL FOR U.S. ENERGY CONCERNS WITH THE SOVIETS AND FOR THE US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT IN PARTICULAR. LOPATIN HAS READ AND STUDIED THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM ON ENERGY, AND APPEARS TO DESIRE ACTIVELY TO EXPLORE NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION IN WHAT HE VIEWS AS OVERLAPPING U.S. AND SOVIET INTERESTS.

2. MOREOVER, LOPATIN SEEMS BOTH EAGER AND CAPABLE OF ACTIVELY PERFORMING THE ENERGY AGREEMENT COORDINATION ROLE WHICH MPE HAS HELD, HOWEVER LIMPLY, SINCE THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED. MAKSIMOV APPARENTLY DEFERRED TO OTHER MINISTRIES (OIL INDUSTRY, GAS INDUSTRY) IN ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE THEIR MAIN CONCERN, AND WE GOT PRECIOUS LITTLE HELP FROM MPE WHEN
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PROBLEMS AROSE. IN EACH CASE WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH HIM, LOPATIN SEEMED WELL BRIEFED AND GENUINELY INTERESTED IN HELPING. LATEST EXAMPLE WAS HIS PERSONAL PRESENTATION OF THEIR SCHEDULE TO U.S. COLD WEATHER CONSTRUCTION DEL (08.0202) ON 16 MAY.

3. LOPATIN'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN REACTOR SAFETY AND ENGINEERING

WOULD SEEM TO AUGUR WELL FOR POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION
WITH NRC AND IN ELECTRIC-STEAM CO-GENERATION. HIS STANCE
IN OUR INITIAL ENCOUNTERS HAS BEEN THAT SOVIETS ARE GENUINELY
INTERESTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. IN ENERGY AND THAT HE
WOULD FAVORABLY AND QUICKLY CONSIDER ANY PROPOSALS.

4. SINCE THE ENERGY AGREEMENT HAS OFTEN SUFFERED FROM
COORDINATION AND EVEN COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS AMONG THE SOVIET
AGENCIES INVOLVED, WE TEND TO WELCOME LOPATIN'S EFFORT TO
INCREASE MPE'S ROLE AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT AND
SHALL BE WATCHING TO SEE WHAT COMES OF IT.
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